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MOTHERS BANQUET THEIR DAUGHTERS

Hold Interesting and Very
Instructive Meet, Wed-
nesday Evening

OVER FIVE HUNDRED PRESENT

Excellent Menu Served by Mothers.
Followed by Interest-
ing Speeches

On Wednesday evening of this week, the high school gym again was the scene of liveliest activity, the occasion being the first "Mother's and Daughter's Banquet" held in this city.

For weeks ahead the ladies had been preparing for this occasion. The town was thoroughly canvassed and every available woman and girl was urged to be present at the Wednesday night affair.

In the homes during the day previous, the kitchens were the scenes of greatest commotion. Many an old Shanghai rooster lost his head, for chicken was at the head of the menu, followed by a list of the most tempting entrees ever prepared in the good old style that "mother used to make." Little brother Johnnie after running his legs tired, to the store after sundry articles, went to bed Wednesday evening with a sigh of relief and wondering what kind of a feed he would have had at his "Father and Son" banquet if his dad had brought the cats.

At six o'clock women and baskets were everywhere in evidence, all wending their way toward the high school.

At six-thirty the entire assembly marched from the high school auditorium to the gymnasium and took their places at long rows of spotless white tables.

Following the invocation by Mrs. Nostein, full justice was done the excellent supper prepared by the ladies, who were assisted by the high school boys who served hot coffee.

Following the supper, Mrs. C. G. Rhodes, acting in the capacity of toastmistress, called the assembly to order, with the rising and singing of America. Mrs. Rhodes then introduced the first speaker, Mrs. Francis King, who gave an excellent talk on "Responsibility as Conveyed Through the Senses."

The Girls Glee Club of the high school next rendered an excellent number, an Irish Folk Song.

Mrs. J. W. Priest next was introduced by the toastmistress, Mrs. Priest gave a most excellent and instructive talk on "The Worth of a Mother."

The Glee Club next rendered an excellent number followed by a reading by Miss Robinson. The program was brought to a close by the singing of "Tippary."

The affair could be termed nothing less than a grand success. The interest was keenly felt of the existing relations between mother and girl for the community uplift movement, and this banquet has been one of the greatest factors ever pushed for the advancement of the social and moral uplift of the girls of our city.

The banqueters numbered 565 actual count. Someone said every woman and girl in the city were present, and "Time" Messenger got so enthused that he donned his "style show" and came too. A Victrola was donated by the courtesy of the Victrola Store which rendered excellent music during the banquet hour.

CIVIC LEAGUE
The Civic Improvement league wishes to announce again as it has done before that its solicitors, Mrs. Bert Hicks, chairman of committee on sprinkling, will be canvassing the different wards with the street sprinkling slips. The league would remind the public that all moneys received from sprinkling are kept in a separate fund. This fund which now amounts to the sum of \$99225 is in certificates of deposit and is to be kept until some important project for the benefit of every dweller in Alma shall have been decided upon, when by unanimous vote of the members of the League the fund may be drawn upon.

The Executive committee of the league would point out that this fund has no connection whatever with the contributions for the support of the Free Reading Room which are so generously given by the citizens of Alma through Mrs. W. A. Bahkle and her committee, and which are used entirely for the maintenance of that institution.

Mrs. Francis King, President.

CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH
The four small children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt of Saginaw were burned to death in their home last Friday just before noon. The four charred bodies were found under the remnant of a bed, the body of the one year old baby being tightly clasped in the arms of the five year old brother, the oldest of the group. The origin of the fire is not known and started when the mother left the home for a few minutes to make a few purchases for the family.

FRED ELWOOD PASSED

Fred Elwood who has been a resident in and around Alma for a number of years, died last Thursday morning from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which occurred some days before. Funeral took place Saturday morning and the body was laid in the vault for the time being. Mr. Elwood was about fifty years old and had no close relations in this section of the state.

MISSIONARY SUPPER

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held a thank offering supper at six-thirty last Friday evening in the church parlors. An excellent menu was served and several short speeches were made in the interests of thank offering by the heads of the various departments of the church and auxiliary societies.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN IN BLACK HAUNTS STREETS AT NIGHT

Queerly Dressed Character is
Seen Patrolling Aristocratic
Resident Section

Within the past several weeks residents of the aristocratic north State street have been somewhat, though not seriously annoyed by the appearance of a suspicious looking character dressed in shabby black who has been seen patrolling the streets several times during the wee small hours of the night and with noticeable frequency during the day.

The character, a woman, made her first appearance several weeks ago. Since that time she has slipped quietly away for several days at a time only to return again at some sudden moment and patrol the streets with no apparent destination in view. Several times the figure has been seen darting from a doorway as footsteps were heard approaching.

Her name is unknown likewise her home, either while here or away on her brief visits. She has not been fed at any of the downtown restaurants but has made purchases of food from several stores and she is thought to be taking up her abode in some remote part of the city.

While no one in particular has been molested by the woman, her alert, shiftless eye and rapid wandering tours of the city are the subject of much discussion through the sections she habits.

CADILLAC PHOTOGRAPHER TO LOCATE IN THIS CITY

F. C. Welsh Will Open Studio
Over Wright's Furniture
Store April First

F. C. Welsh a Cadillac photographer will open a studio over Wright's furniture store in this city about April 1st. Mr. Welsh has recently sold his half interest to his brother in their Cadillac Studio after fourteen years successful business.

The photographers outfit that Mr. Welsh will bring to this city is new, and represents the latest and most improved work in photographers' paraphernalia, including a complete home portrait outfit.

Mr. Welsh moved his family to the Hooper house on Elwell street last Tuesday.

HORSE SHOW

The sixth annual horse show will be held in St. Louis on Wednesday, Mar. 29, and the committee in charge are using lots of hustle to get out a good exhibit of horses.

The purpose of the horse show is to create a larger interest in good horses and to give farmers and breeders opportunity to meet each other for their mutual interest.

Free dinner and free horse feed are among the inducements offered to exhibitors, and there will be a special exhibit of harness horses.

Every farmer is invited to come to St. Louis and take in the show and to exhibit his stock. A special prize will be given for the oldest horse shown.

There will be a parade at one o'clock, headed by the Yerington's band. Another feature will be a tug of war between the north and south sides.

Remember the date and make arrangements to be there. The committee in charge desire particularly to state that no decorations will be furnished and no decorations will be in attendance. Each owner must look after the decorating of his own horse.

Dr. D. T. Kemp is secretary and John Burns treasurer of the committee, the other members being Willis Smock, Floyd McNaughton, Archie Cuthbert, Lewis Martin, Geo. Houseman, Del Bush, Oscar Wolf, Loren Krick, Frank McLean and Elmer Caywood.

DANCING PARTY
The young peoples dancing club of the city tendered an enjoyable party last Friday evening at Weese Hall. About thirty couples were present. Frappe and lemonade were served, dancing was continued until a late hour and a very enjoyable time was reported by all.

STYLE SHOW

HERE AT LAST

This Friday Evening at 7:30

Be on the Business Streets for
the Grand Opening. Your co-
operation is wanted and needed
for the success of the show. The
stores will open during the evening

EVERYBODY COME—EVERYBODY BOOST

FINAL DECLAMATION AND ORATORICAL CONTESTS

Francis Preist and Helen Mason
Take Firsts in Final Con-
tests Held Last Week

Last week on Tuesday and Friday evening were the Final Contests of the Declaration and Oratorical Series of the high school.

The results were based entirely on the merits of the pupils. Every pupil from the eighth to twelfth grades has contested through a series of preliminary contests till the contestants for the final contest were selected.

In the Declaration Tuesday evening Francis Preist won first, Frank Nostein, second, and Miss Coleman, third.

At the Oratorical Contest Friday evening, Helen Mason won first, Howard Handley, second and Hazel Shankel, third.

The winning firsts will represent this high school in the sub-district contest. Special credit is due the English teachers of the high school for the success of these contests.

SHORTHORN MEETING

The Central Michigan Shorthorn Association will hold a meeting in Alma, Thursday, March 30, at 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. Speakers from Chicago and M. A. C. and other outside points will be present, and the best Cow Proposition for the general farmers of central Michigan to be discussed.

The meeting is to discuss the improvement of our herds; "The Shorthorn cow for beef and milk," "Co-operative marketing of live stock," "Getting the most money out of our cattle." Don't forget the date and plan to attend.

March 30th. For further information write C. W. Crumm, Sec., McBride, Mich.

GOOD MOVE

According to present indications, Central State Normal at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, will send out the usual number of black walnut seedlings this spring, orders having been received for several thousand already. The largest single order received comes from the Union School of Alma, Michigan, for 137 Concord Grapes and 88 walnut seedlings.

These trees are grown at the Michigan Agricultural College and are from one to two years old and are sent direct, by parcel post, to the consumer, for two cents each,—no orders received for less than twelve.

There have been sent out in the past, 30,000 trees and some day the boys and girls in this section will have nuts for winter use, as the slogan is "A Walnut Tree on Every Farm."

For trees address Department of Agriculture, Central State Normal, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

GLEE CLUB ON TOUR

The college Glee Club started their annual ten day tour on Thursday evening of this week. They gave their first concert at Ithaca and will return to Alma Friday morning when they will start the tour proper at Helling Friday night.

The closing concert will be given in this city on Friday, April 7th. The organization under the direction of Prof. Veatch is without a doubt the best ever sent out by the college. Every member being in the best of form and gifted with unusual vocal talent.

WAITING TRIAL IN COUNTY JAIL—WRITES POEM OF LITTLE GIRL AT HOME

Richard Flansburg of this city who is awaiting trial at the county jail for the forging of a check of \$35 on a local man, is turning his talents in a literary direction. The work of his pen is dedicated to his little girl here in Alma, and is published below:

When the light of day is dying
And the shades of night steal on
Voices in my ear does whisper
Of my little girl at home.
How my heart loves the giver
Of all good over land and sea
But I praise Him more than ever,
As he keeps her safe for me.
As I think of her in my moment
In my sad and gloomy time
Seems I almost feel the presence
Of her little hand in mine.
But when my hour is out and ended,
And I am free to roam
Then I'll go and see my dear ones
And my little girl at home.

FORDNEY SAILS AT DEMS IN SPEECH BEFORE HOUSE

Gives an "Essay" on Sugar, and
"Sasses" our Mr. Wil-
son Severely

"Lofty tumbling of the acrobats at circuses" has no fascination for Congressman Joseph W. Fordney. He would much rather watch the acrobatic feats of the Democratic administration, according to a speech delivered in the House. He criticized the President for change of front on the Panama canal tolls, Mexican policy, preparedness, war loans, automobile taxes and trust questions, and then launched into an exhaustive study of the beet sugar question. He declared that sugar consumption was an index of the civilization of a nation and a sugar supply a vital part of any program of national defense.

"If we are to depend for our sugar supply upon the raws brought from our insular possessions and Cuba," declared Mr. Fordney, "we will be in a more precarious position than England, because we never can expect to have a navy equal to hers. England has been compelled to spend hundreds of millions of dollars abroad for sugar since the war broke out. Any fiscal legislation which fails to recognize the importance of sugar as an article of consumption of the people strikes at the very security of the nation."

The speaker stated that the per-capita consumption of sugar in the United States is 85 pounds, which calls for an annual supply of four million tons. He believed that to provide for the national security at least 2,400,000 tons should be raised here. In war time England consumes 80 per cent of her peace consumption, and this allows us only 60 per cent. Louisiana and Texas would produce 400,000 tons and the balance of 2,000,000 tons would be produced by the beet sugar factories, which would mean increasing our continental beet sugar supply three fold.

We have enough land in this country adapted to beet sugar culture and secure from invasion to produce in one year as much sugar as the entire world has consumed since the birth of Christ. Germany produces annually 2,500,000 long tons of sugar on an actual planted area which is less than the area of three average Michigan counties, or one-half the Eighth congressional district.

M. C. Lake of Ithaca did business in Alma Tuesday.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE IS OUT FOR COMING SEASON

Team Will Still Retain Veteran
Twirler Trio. Others Will
Be Mostly New Men

The Alma college baseball schedule for the coming season is out, although a few games still remain to be listed, and the Maroon and Cream nine is assured a list of games that will keep them going the limit.

Something like a dozen and a half games are billed now with games to the number of five probably still to be scheduled. The teams, not yet scheduled, which we are liable to meet are Niagara University of New York State; Bethany college, West Virginia; Hope college, Ferris and a second game with the Mt. Pleasant Indians.

April 8—Mt. Pleasant Indians at Alma.

April 15—Mt. Pleasant Normals at Alma.

April 22—M. A. C. at East Lansing.

April 28—Albion college at Alma.

April 29—Mt. Pleasant Normals at Mt. Pleasant.

May 3—Olivet college at Alma.

May 5—Hillsdale college at Alma.

May 12—Olivet college at Olivet.

May 13—Albion college at Albion.

May 18—Hillsdale college at Hillsdale.

May 19—Adrian college at Adrian.

May 20—Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.

May 26—Kalamazoo college at Alma.

May 27—Kalamazoo college at Alma.

May 29—Lapeer Independents at Lapeer.

June 2 and 3—Michigan Inter-College baseball finals and track meet at Albion—Almanian.

CLAUSSEN COMING

The Redpath Chautauques have for their big attraction this year the noted Swedish singer, Mme. Julia Clausen, leading contralto of the Chicago Grand Opera Company. Her party will travel over the entire circuit in a private car. Pierre Heurte a concertmaster of the Chicago Grand Opera Company will travel with the party as an assistant artist. Mme. Clausen is considered equal if not better than Alice Neilson the big attraction last year.

HIRE EXPERIENCED CLERK

Earl C. Clapp has secured the services of Joe H. Follette an experienced hardware clerk.

Mr. Follette has had years of experience at the hardware game, and comes well recommended. Mr. Follette took up his duties at the Clapp hardware Tuesday morning where friends of the store will find him an efficient and courteous salesman.

FOUND FROZEN IN STRAW

The body of Fred Williams, of St. Johns was found frozen in a stack of straw on a farm west of Lake Odessa last Wednesday. Mr. Williams was an inmate of the State Hospital at Kalamazoo. He was allowed to work out of door and escaped from the hospital Feb. 17th. It is thought, as he was thinly clad that he was taken ill and crawled into the straw stack. How long he has been dead is not known.

MARRIED AT MADISON

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cook and Miss Helen left Tuesday night for Madison, Wisconsin, where they will attend the wedding of their son Maynard to Miss Choral Boyd of Madison. Miss Ruth will join them on Thursday. The wedding will occur on Thursday evening of this week at the bride's parents. The newly-weds will make their new home at Chicago.

HIGH SCHOOL CATALOG

The board of education have recently issued a handsome catalogue of the Alma Public Schools. The book was printed at the Record office, is bound in a substantial cover, contains seventy-five pages with eight full page illustrations.

The book gives a complete list of the course of study and the topics in the public and high schools of this city.

UNION TEMPERANCE MEET AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Packed House Hears Several
Speeches by Prominent Local Men Sunday Eve.

A union temperance meeting of the various churches of the city was held last Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church. A large crowd was present.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. Mason. Rev. Ault of the Christian church read the scripture lesson and Rev. Priest of the Baptist church offered prayer.

The first speaker of the evening was Prof. Davies of Alma College who delivered an excellent argument on "Why is the College Against the Saloon?" Prof. Schultz of the public schools gave an interesting talk on "The Effect of Alcohol and Narcotics as Taught in the Public Schools." Attorney Greene delivered the final address on "The Legal Status of the Liquor Question in this State?" Mr. Greene delivered his arguments to the point, and his talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of America.

OLLIE WORDEN DRAWS 90 DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL

Well Known Alma Offender is
Sentenced by Judge Searls
Thursday Afternoon.

Ollie Worden a notorious person who for years has been a troublesome character around Alma, drew 90 days in the county jail at Ithaca Thursday, Judge Searls informed him that Ionia for two years could have been his portion but he would give him a show but if he came before him again he must expect the limit. His sentence gives universal satisfaction and should convince those who insist on getting drunk and then starting something that he officials and people of Alma "I not stand for it, and the such people are taught soon the better for the community."

AUCTION SA

The following auctions are scheduled in the Record this week.

Heischel J. White, three miles north and one fourth miles west of Alma consisting of horses, cattle and other stock, farm tools and fodder on Feb. 31st. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

M. and R. Burrell, residing one mile west and three and one-half miles south of Alma on Saturday, March 25, at 12:30, consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, and farm tools, J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

NEW AUTO LIVERY

Herman Stover of St. Louis, last Friday purchased an interest in the feed barn and livery formerly conducted by Edward Winn. Mr. Winn and Mr. Stover will conduct as auto and horse livery at the barn on the corner of Park and Superior. A feed barn will continue to be run in connection.

IN NEW QUARTERS

The invalids at the Masonic Home were moved into the new hospital on Thursday. The new quarters are said to be the most complete and up-to-date of any institution of its kind in the state, all due to the good judgment and excellent business ability of its efficient and popular manager Mr. Montague.

MRS. ROLLIN DIES

Mrs. W. W. Rollin died at her home in this city last Saturday. She was seventy-five years of age. Funeral services were held Tuesday. Obituary will be published next week.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Owing to lack of space it will be necessary this week to leave out church notes and several other items. Everything that is still in order will be run next week.

TALK COMMISSION GOVERNMENT PLAN

Movement on Foot to Ad-
vance Interests of City
in This Direction

PLAN TRIED AND SUCCESSFUL

In Vogue in Many Small Cities.
Popular, Practical, Better.
for City Welfare

A move has been launched by some of our business men and citizens to investigate bringing about of a commission form of government for the city of Alma. Other cities in the state of the size of Alma have adopted it and as far as we can find out are very much pleased with it and it is working out to the betterment of the city in many ways. The editor of the Record is in correspondence with several cities trying it and in the near future will be able to give some data for or against the proposition. We believe no city in Michigan has been run more economically than Alma. It has been in the hands of honest, enterprising business men, but not withstanding, we believe a saving could be made in the management of the affairs by a commission. There are matters that come up that the average business man can not give the attention it demands where a commissioner would give entire time and would be a man equipped and posted in city affairs. The move is very popular and we believe it would be a good proposition for our people to consider.

While the movement is still in its infancy in this country, it has been popular and practical in Germany for a number of years. Before the war there could not be found a country in the world with better regulated cities than were operated in Germany.

The German Government even established schools for the instruction of interested parties in municipal affairs. There a "student" was schooled in the methods of conducting the affairs of a city, and finishing his course he was equipped to handle the affairs of any city on the same principle as a superintendent of a large factory.

The affairs of a city are business, absolutely nothing but business and is generally operated by business men. Men who have other business on their hands, and gladly donate their valuable time to help operate a city's business, but would be glad in many instances to turn the affairs of the city over to a competent man who would operate the city affairs on a more efficient and economical basis.

1917 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The 1917 football schedule given out by manager Oscar Anderson last week, contains every promise of being the longest and hardest schedule for the great fall sport that has ever been handed out to a Maroon and Cream team, and it will keep the eleven going at top speed from start to finish to carry it through successfully.

Oct. 7—Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.

Oct. 14—Mt. Pleasant at East Lansing.

Oct. 21—Albion at Albion (date pending).

Oct. 28—Albion at Albion.

Nov. 4—Adrian at Adrian.

Nov. 11—Olivet at Alma.

Nov. 18—Kalamazoo college at Alma.

Nov. 25—Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana.

The dates for the Mt. Pleasant Normal games have not been settled yet, but the games will be played mid-week, during the month of October, with one game at Mt. Pleasant and one at Alma—Almanian.

DRIVEN FROM HOME

Having successfully staged and excellent entertainment to the satisfaction of a packed house in Forest Hill, on last Friday, the Young People's Bible Class of Forest Hill will give the same entertainment in Elwell on Saturday evening, Mar. 25.

The program includes a domestic drama entitled "Driven from Home" which is alone well worth one's time and the price of admission. This play contains a moral for young and old, is not frivolous, and is not in the class of dramas generally handled by amateur actors. Some are coming from Forest Hill to enjoy it over again.

If you desire a good laugh come and see Prof. McNamara and his celebrated band. This will be presented in the form of a concert after the play and is filled with clean amusement. Everybody goes wild over it. The time between acts will be taken up with instrumental and vocal music.

One price admits to all. Children 15c. Adults 25c. Don't miss it!

We are in receipt of a copy of the Midland Sun, an illustrated edition setting forth the beauties and advantages of shipping your goods to us. It is certainly a credit to the city and the publisher.